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CHIEF JUSTICE

December 19, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President
The Senate, State of Hawai'i
State Capitol, Room 409
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

DEPT. COMM. NO. 21

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
The House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i
State Capitol, Room 431
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Act 218, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2014 (SB632, SD2, HD1, CD1)
Relating to Environmental Court

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki and Members:

I am pleased to transmit the enclosed Report of the Judiciary Working Group Relating to Environmental Court, dated December 19, 2014. As required by Section 7 of Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii, I established a working group within the Judiciary to make recommendations regarding the implementation of environmental courts within the Circuit and District Courts of the State. The attached report describes how the Judiciary plans to implement environmental courts, including any further legislation that may be necessary,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the aforementioned report.

Very truly yours,

MARK E. RECKTENWALD
Chief Justice

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Enclosure

cc: Members of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Members of the Working Group on Environmental Courts
Rodney A. Maile, Administrative Director of the Courts